

Wives Visit Film Studios as Doctors Open Sessions

Convention of Woman's Auxiliary Will Get Under Way at Vista Tomorrow

Forming an advance guard for the delegation to the ninth annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association, two hundred doctors' wives registered at the Hotel Huntington today.

A pre-convention board meeting, held in the Crystal Room, was presided over by the State president, Mrs. Hobart Rogers of Oakland, and after that the feminine contingent attended the general session of the sixty-seventh annual State Medical Association convention in the ballroom.

An informal luncheon, and then almost the entire delegation of women were off in busses for the motion picture studios of Hollywood, expecting to be back tonight to dine with their husbands, and to hold a reception and musicale at nine o'clock in the hotel for the wife of Dr. Howard Morrow, outgoing State Association president.

The Woman's Auxiliary will really get into action tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Hotel Vista del Arroyo, when it conducts its first general meeting, with Mrs. Rogers presiding.

Luncheon at the Vista will follow the meeting, and tomorrow afternoon there will be sight-seeing trips. The women, of course, will attend the president's dinner and dance the Huntington tomorrow night. They will wind up their convention on Wednesday, with a post-convention state board meeting in the afternoon.

The Credentials and Registration committees worked fast and furiously this morning on the mezzanine floor at the Huntington. Mrs. Charles C. Hall, Chairman, was assisted by the local chairman, Mrs. Mark Albert Glaser.

Mrs. Arthur T. Newcomb of Pasadena, General Chairman, is being assisted by many other local doctors' wives on the various committees.

Charming young hostesses making themselves generally useful at the convention are daughters of Auxiliary members, and include a number of Pasadena girls.

The incoming State president, Mrs. Clifford Andrews Wright, will be honored at luncheon on Wednesday at the Vista, and the past State presidents also will be guests of honor.

Members of the State Advisory Board will be honored at a luncheon at the Vista tomorrow, when presentation of the Doane membership trophy will be made by Mrs. William Henry Sargent of Oakland.

Dr. Lowell S. Goin of Los Angeles, will speak at the luncheon on "Crux Medicorum." — Pasadena Star-News, May 9.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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Medical Leaders Here, Map Study of Physical, Social Ills

Vanguard of Doctors Arrives in San Francisco

America's men of medicine, in whose skilled hands is held the health of the nation, yesterday converged upon San Francisco to focus their combined attention on both scientific and social problems.

A few minutes after he arrived at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, said that the Association will participate July 18, 19, and 20 in the Washington conference on a national health program.

He added the announcement that the American Medical Association has invited Josephine Roche, under whose leadership the Washington conference will take place, to address the convention here Tuesday afternoon. Miss Roche, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in charge of public health, accepted the invitation and will either appear personally or send a representative to speak for her.

"Miss Roche has been asked to explain her program for national health service distribution, a program she is working out from a social security point of view," Doctor Fishbein said.

Sees Agreement

A vast majority of the nation's doctors oppose any form of "social medicine," which would interpose a federal bureaucracy between physician and patient. The medical men recognize as an economic problem the distribution of their services. Doctor Fishbein's announcement of Miss

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Roche's appearance immediately focused convention attention on the profession's great issue of "tax paid" medicine.

Doctor Fishbein indicated his belief that "a rapprochement is in sight" between the profession and the Government.

Leaders Arrive

Scientifically, said the veteran spokesman for the American Medical Association, the convention will bring forward for discussion more than 350 reports, representing the advance of a year in medicine. And a great exhibit in the Civic Center will present 150 doctors demonstrating the techniques and facilities of the modern science of healing.

"This national convention will be a demonstration that medicine never stands still, always advances," said Doctor Fishbein. "We can see in the future, for example, the complete eradication of some of the deadly diseases."

Ready to work, to renew friendships, and to see San Francisco, the leaders of the American Medical Association arrived yesterday, preceding the host of 7,000 doctors who will participate in the convention, opening formally on Monday.

In the vanguard were: Dr. J. H. Upham of Columbus, Ohio, president of the Association; Dr. Irvin Abell of Louisville, Kentucky, president-elect; Dr. Olin West, secretary; Dr. A. W. Booth of Elmira, New York, president of the board of trustees; Dr. C. B. Wright of Minneapolis, trustee; Dr. H. H. Shoulders of Nashville, Tennessee, vice-speaker of the House of Delegates; and a score of other distinguished men.

Many were accompanied by their families. With Doctor Fishbein were Mrs. Fishbein; their daughter, Marjorie; and son, Justin.

A western welcome ushered in the American Medical Association. At Ogden the Southern Pacific's "Forty-niner" was boarded by Oakland doctors, with an orchestra and entertainment. At Berkeley, Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis of San Francisco, for the California Medical Association, welcomed the arrivals. The doctors were driven to their Sir Francis Drake Hotel headquarters, then returned to the East Bay.

They visited Diablo Country Club and were entertained at the Claremont Country Club last night by the Alameda Medical Society.

San Francisco already was the world's medical center when the American Medical Association leaders arrived. The American Psychiatric Association was completing its week of work at the Fairmont Hotel. Across the street, at the Mark Hopkins, the American Ophthalmological Society was conducting its seventy-fourth annual convention.

Other Sessions

The American Heart Association was in session at the Sir Francis Drake. With their microscopes, 150 men and women were at the Palace Hotel for the meeting of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. The Association for the Study of Allergy met at the Empire Hotel.

And at Del Monte the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Dermatological Association convened. Other medical groups will meet simultaneously with the American Medical Association in San Francisco next week.—San Francisco Examiner, June 11.

Five Thousand Physicians Throng San Francisco for Medical Meeting

Convention Opening Tomorrow to Review Progress of Medicine During Past Year

As one doctor to another, leading medicos of the nation tomorrow will open discussions on humanity's ills and the progress medicine has made the past year in making a happier and healthier life for mankind.

Sessions of the American Medical Association's eighty-ninth annual convention continue through Friday with approximately five thousand members in attendance. Their discussions, scientific and technical exhibits focus the attention of the medical world on San Francisco.

Three major types of activity are included in the program arranged at a preconvention meeting of Association officers yesterday. These include scientific and technical exhibits, scientific meetings in which hundreds of papers describing the year's advances in medicine will be heard and sessions of the House of Delegates, in which are determined the policies of organized medicine.

Scientific Exhibits

Scientific and technical exhibits will be set forth in the Civic Auditorium; scientific meetings will be held in adjacent buildings in the Civic Center and the House of Delegates meeting in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel.

The scientific exhibit consists of more than 150 displays prepared by leading investigators to demonstrate the prog-

ress of medicine since the Atlantic City meeting last year. They give a comprehensive picture of the advances in medicine, including a way to keep human marrow alive outside the body so scientists can study the action on it of such drugs as sulfanilamid; reports on the new treatments of mental disease by insulin and metrazol shock; a new design for an oxygen tent that is easily portable; and a report on the value of a nasal spray for protection against infantile paralysis.

Meetings Stated

The House of Delegates, made up of about 175 delegates, elected by state and territorial medical associations, will hold meetings tomorrow, Tuesday, and Thursday. General scientific meetings are scheduled during the first two days of the convention.

Highlighting tomorrow's program will be an address by Dr. Anton J. Carlson, professor of physiology, University of Chicago, on "Animal Experimentation in Medicine." Specialists are to discuss other subjects, including the fever treatment of syphilis, wounds of the heart, brain tumors, mental hygiene, eczema, Bright's disease, and hemorrhage of the stomach.

The one general meeting of the convention is scheduled for Tuesday night in the Opera House, where Mayor Rossi, city and state medical leaders will welcome the visiting physicians to San Francisco. Dr. Irvin Abell, Louisville, Kentucky, will be inducted into the presidency on the occasion, succeeding Dr. John H. P. Upham, Columbus, Ohio, the retiring president.

Other Conventions

Other national medical associations are holding meetings in San Francisco this week. They include: the American Academy of Tuberculosis, Friday and Saturday; the American Medical Women's Association, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday; the American Radium Society, tomorrow and Tuesday; the American Rheumatism Association, tomorrow; the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions, tomorrow and Tuesday.

In conjunction with the American Medical Association convention, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Association will hold its sixteenth annual convention. Registration opens today, with Mrs. Harry O. Hund as chairman. Mrs. Augustus S. Kech, National President, is to preside at a pre-convention meeting tomorrow in the Fairmont Hotel.—San Francisco *Chronicle*, June 12.

Seven Thousand Mercy Men Here for Medical Meet

Eyes of the medical world focus on San Francisco today as seven thousand of the country's leading physicians open the eighty-ninth annual convention of the American Medical Association.

Concerned with advances in scientific medicine, the doctors will meet for five days to exchange medical research findings and consider the conclusions of members of their profession in diagnosis and treatment.

Activities of the attending physicians will be centered in the reading of more than 300 reports, examination of scientific and associated exhibits and drawing up of organized medicine's policies.

Registration of members starts at 8:30 a. m. in the Civic Auditorium and will continue through the convention.

The House of Delegates, made up of 175 delegates elected by state and territorial medical associations, will hold its first meeting at 10 o'clock in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel.

The 150 scientific exhibits will be opened at noon on the first and second floors of the Civic Auditorium. Sponsors of the exhibits will explain their developments.

Science Sessions

In the Memorial Opera House, scientific meetings will be held during the afternoon. Included in the discussions will be animal experimentation in medicine, antepartum care, ophthalmoscopic signs of constitutional disease, mental hygiene as related to the psychoneuroses, and the relation of photography to medicine.

At the opening meeting of the House of Delegates today reports of the officers will be made. New business will be introduced in the form of resolutions from the floor, and the winner of the special award for achievement in the art and science of medicine will be selected by the group. The session will end at noon.

Reference Reports

The House of Delegates will meet again tomorrow morning, when reference committees will bring in their reports.

There will be an executive session of the House Tuesday afternoon. Final meeting of the House will be held Thursday afternoon, when officers will be elected and next year's meeting place selected.

The seven California delegates to the House are Dr. Elbridge J. Best, San Francisco; Dr. Charles A. Dukes, Oakland; Dr. Robert A. Peers, Colfax; Dr. Lyell C. Kinney,

San Diego; Dr. Edward M. Palette, Dr. William R. Molony, Sr., and J. P. Nuttall, Santa Monica.

The vital question of socialized medicine may be discussed at the general meeting of the convention tomorrow evening at eight o'clock in the Memorial Opera House, it was indicated. At that time Dr. Irvin Abell of Louisville, Kentucky, President, will touch on a tax-paid medical system.

At the executive session of the House tomorrow afternoon, Dr. Warren Draper, Assistant United States Surgeon-General and Public Health Association delegate to the convention, will present the Government's views on the controversial subject, it was announced.

Held State Problem

As to any discussion of the medical care of California's migratory workers, Dr. Olin West, secretary and general manager of the Association, indicated there was none planned. "That is a state problem," Doctor West said.

The convention may also hear a report from the "Committee of 430," a group within the membership which last November advocated the use of public funds to finance preventive medicine, for medical treatment of the indigent, and for medical research, voluntary hospitals, research and consultative service.

When the report of the Committee of 430 was first published it was regarded in some quarters as a revolt against the Association which last year sidetracked a proposal from the New York Medical Society advocating national indorsement of similar theories.

Awards Wednesday

Awards of gold, silver, and bronze medals will be made Wednesday afternoon for the best scientific exhibits.

Other national medical associations holding meetings today and Tuesday include: The American Medical Women's Association, the American Radium Society, the American Rheumatism Association, and the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association is holding its sixteenth annual convention in conjunction with that of the Association. Mrs. Augustus S. Kech, National President, will preside at a pre-convention meeting today in the Fairmont Hotel. Registration opened yesterday.—San Francisco *Chronicle*, June 13.

Doctors Open Fight Here on State Control

Regimentation of Healing Profession by Government Scored in American Medical Association Session

The American Medical Association, meeting here in its eighty-ninth annual convention, yesterday lost no time in coming to grips with its major present problem—the threat of state socialized "tax paid" medicine.

Regimentation of the healing profession under paternalistic governmental auspices was hit, and hit hard, in speech, report, and resolution at the very first session of the House of Delegates, supreme governing body of the Association, meeting at the Hotel Sir Francis Drake.

Incoming and outgoing presidents of the Association challenged all attempts to wrest from the profession control over its own services, the Association's Board of Trustees hit "recent agitation for socialization of medicine by some grandiose scheme."

Resistance Told

The profession "resists efforts and proposals that would include and regiment its service under lay control," declared Dr. Irvin Abell, incoming president.

There is a "manifest determination to preserve the individual type of medical practice as that best suited to this country and to maintain that practice on the highest possible plane," declared Dr. J. H. J. Upham, retiring president.

Yet, underlying the Association's unyielding opposition to surrendering the care of the nation's sick to bureaucratic administration was keen recognition of the profession's obligation to share in the economic adjustments of the nation.

The profession has an "aroused consciousness" of the part it should play in solving "the present economic problems in relation to illness," said Doctor Upham.

"Fully Cognizant"

"The medical profession is fully cognizant of the social and economic needs that lie so heavily on the indigent and low-income groups," said Doctor Abell, pledging the profession to its share in their rehabilitation.

Both officers and the board of trustees pointed to the Association's current nation-wide survey of medical needs, and predicted that when completed it will point the logical way to solution of many grave medical problems.

The Federal Government's case for some degree of medical socialization will be laid before the delegates at what is expected to be a spectacular executive session this after-

noon. The Government's representative will be Dr. Warren Draper, Assistant Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service.

Tenor of Message

"If you oppose state socialization of medicine, what do you propose as its alternative to provide adequate medical care for those groups of the population which are not now receiving it?" is expected to be the tenor of Doctor Draper's message of the Association.

The delegates did not concern themselves exclusively with vital matters of policy yesterday. They took time out to select for a newly created honor, the distinguished service medal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Rudolph Matas of New Orleans.

With reports of committees and speeches of officers out of the way, the delegates exercised their democratic prerogative of introducing resolutions affecting conduct of the Association's affairs and on matters affecting medical practice.

Notable among them was a resolution submitted by Michigan delegates providing for creation of a council on public relations and employment of qualified public relations counsel to represent organized medicine before the public.

Move to Supplant

The resolution was interpreted in some quarters as an effort to supplant Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Association's journal, as medicine's spokesman.

Another resolution, submitted by Dr. William R. Molony of Los Angeles, a California delegate, appeared aimed at the influx of foreign physicians into the United States, fleeing from autocratic persecution. The resolution called on state medical societies to require full citizenship—which involves a five-year wait for aliens—for certificates entitling the foreigners to practice medicine in the United States.

While the House of Delegates weighed matters of policy and Association government, the bulk of the 7,000 physicians, surgeons, and specialists in attendance at the convention, registered at the Civic Auditorium.

Scientific Session

A general scientific session at the Opera House in the afternoon brought them together to hear five technical papers read by medical leaders toiling on the outermost fringe of medical research.

Parallel with the Association convention, four medical societies preoccupied with highly specialized fields of medicine held conventions of their own. The Association for the Study of Internal Secretions considered advances of the past year in one of medicine's newest fields of study, glands and their effects on human health, at the Hotel St. Francis.

The American Radium Society, custodians of expert knowledge in the therapy with radium, met at the Hotel Mark Hopkins; the American Association of Medical Milk Commissions considered problems of diet and pure milk at the Clift Hotel, and the American Rheumatism Society held a one-day session on rheumatism and arthritis at the University of California Hospital.

Women's Society

The American Medical Women's Society, organization of women physicians, whose annual convention opened at the Fairmont Hotel Sunday, continued in session, while the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, after two brief board sessions, spent the day sightseeing.

The huge scientific and technical exhibit on display at the Civic Auditorium, assembling all the latest techniques for the treatment of disease, as well as modern scientific apparatus, proved a magnet for thousands of the visiting medicos.

Visual demonstration of the ravages of disease, methods of treatment and equipment for treatment, was afforded in several hundred individual exhibits that occupied all three main floor halls of the Auditorium and the mezzanine floor as well. The exhibit is not open to the public.—San Francisco *Examiner*, June 14.

United States Medical Pathfinders Throng San Francisco

Army of Mercy Men Gathering for American Medical Association Annual Convention

Men who measure their greatest achievements as the relief of human suffering assembled in San Francisco yesterday for the eighty-ninth annual convention of the American Medical Association, starting Monday.

They came bearing records of the advance made in medicine during the past year, to hold sessions for exchange of that knowledge so that all humanity will benefit from their work.

Medical Center

During the convention week, June 13 to 17, San Francisco becomes the medical center of the world.

Attention is centered on the sessions and the scientific exhibits which will overflow the Civic Auditorium, and on meetings of the Association's governing body, the House of Delegates, where medicine's advances will be reviewed. . . .

Preliminary Meetings

While last-minute plans were arranged for opening sessions of the convention, preliminary meetings of various branches of medicine were under way.

The American Society of Clinical Pathologists opened its first day of general session at the Palace Hotel with Dr. James B. McNaught of Stanford University as principal speaker.

The American Ophthalmological Society completed the second day of its convention at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. The American Psychiatric Association adjourned its meeting at the Fairmont Hotel.

Sessions of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association will be held in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel Monday and Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoon.

Scientific and technical exhibits will be housed in the Civic Auditorium, filling every available square foot of space in Polk Hall. The scientific meetings are to be held in adjacent buildings in the Civic Center.

The scientific exhibit consists of more than 150 displays prepared by leading investigators to demonstrate progress for the year.

The one general assembly of the convention will be in the Opera House on Tuesday evening.

Mayor Rossi, Dr. William Voorsanger, President of the San Francisco County Medical Society, and Dr. William W. Roblee of Riverside, President of the California Medical Association, will welcome the physicians to San Francisco. Doctor Abell will be inducted as president of the national association at the assembly.

The convention of the Woman's Auxiliary also will be held next week. Delegates and guests from all sections of the United States will attend sessions in the Fairmont Hotel. National President Mrs. Augustus S. Kech will preside.—San Francisco *Chronicle*, June 11.

ASSEMBLY OF LABORATORY DIRECTORS AND SEROLOGISTS

Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas
October 21-22, 1938

The intensive campaign to stop the spread of syphilis now being waged throughout the country makes it imperative that only those serologic tests of proved efficiency be made available to private physicians and health officers. Diagnosis of syphilis must be prompt and accurate. The serologic blood test, becoming positive within two or three weeks after the onset of primary syphilis and remaining positive in the vast majority of untreated patients throughout the entire course of the disease, is the most important evidence of the existence of syphilis.

The American Society of Clinical Pathologists in cooperation with the United States Public Health Service realized the need for reliable serodiagnostic tests several years ago. The work of the Committee on Evaluation of Serodiagnostic Tests for Syphilis is sufficiently well known to require no comment. It is the opinion of this committee that its studies of the efficiency of the performance of serologic tests have progressed to a point where material gains would be made by a thorough discussion on common ground in which all those interested in the control of syphilis through laboratory methods may participate.

Plans are being developed for an assembly of laboratory workers from the entire country. All such workers, both from private, hospital and public health laboratories, as well as physicians and health officers interested in the control of syphilis, are invited to attend.

The proposed meeting, under the auspices of the Committee on Evaluation of Serodiagnostic Tests for Syphilis, with Surgeon-General Thomas Parran, Chairman, is scheduled for October 21 and 22, 1938, at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.

The aims and purposes of the assembly will be to consider means and methods to improve and to make more generally available the serologic tests, which are so important in syphilis control work. Tentative arrangements call for the presentation of the program in four sections.